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Can Johnny Read Yet?

Helen Heffernan, chief of the Elementary Education Bureau in Sacramento, blew her stack last week in a surprisingly intemperate blast against the unmistakable stiffening of the public will in opposition to the dominance of the life adjustment theme in California public education.

As many people know, the Citizens Advisory Commission on Public Education recently completed a two-year study of a good many matters. Very definitely the commission stands for renewed attention to the bread-and-butter fundamentals in trained youngsters. The commission, with the resolute backing of thousands of California parents, wants kids to know how to read and write and spell and do what Abraham Lincoln called "figure to the rule of three."

People who think this way were termed by Miss Heffernan "the fearful, the disgruntled and the disillusioned"; she said they intrude with their "hysterical demands" in areas best left to the school professional.

It seems rather depressing that it is the Helen Heffernans of education who have blindly—or perhaps stubbornly—refused to recognize the growing public desire for more solid fare in the schools which that public pays for and has the right to regulate.

Let's get on with the teaching job the parents of California school kids—and, we are firmly convinced, the great majority of classroom teachers—want done.

Jack Has it Made

Jack Cooper, a 34-year-old coal miner of Chesterfield, England, has been unemployed since May, 1957, and he has seven kids to support.

But things, for Jack, aren't as bad as this sounds. Interviewed last week, Cooper said he receives \$30.52 a week plus free milk from government unemployment benefits. If he went to work, he pointed out, he would make only \$26.60 a week—with no free milk.

Food costs Cooper and his family 22.40 a week, and rent in their public housing home is \$3.64 weekly.

"The National Assistance board keeps badgering me to get a job," he said. "But why should I? My family will suffer. I have a duty to my family. I'm quite happy at home and doing a bit of rabbit hunting."

Yeah, Jack... But who feeds your rabbits?

Freedom's Backbone

Individual initiative is the creative force behind the thousands of products available to you throughout the year on the counters and shelves where you shop.

Each item remains on the market as long as it meets consumer requirements, or until someone has a better product or develops better selling methods.

This is free competition, and we Americans have become the most prosperous people in the world because of it. Private initiative is the backbone of our economy.

In those nations where there is government control of consumer goods there is limited production, limited choice, limited sales, and the standard of living remains low.

Competition and its rewards in better living result from freedom of the individual to use his earnings as he sees fit, rather than depending on the government for his direction and welfare.

We must never compromise our ability to compete.

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

In 1940 residents of Torrance, then a pleasant little town pleasantly removed from the turmoil of growth and traffic jams, were aware of impending war and struggling with the problems of economic depression.

Yet, the HERALD of Thursday, Nov. 28th contained a special section trumpeting the impending Christmas season prepared for the annual Christmas parade that would be climaxed by tree-lighting ceremonies at Triangular Park at Marcelina. Santa found a comfortable seat on one of the few fire engines in the city and, preceded by the Torrance Municipal Band, made a grand spectacle.

The social columns contained items about Thanksgiving parties and club activities concerning themselves with British war relief projects. The first group of local volunteers under the Selective Service Act were given their induction orders by Carl D. Steele, of Board No. 280 and sent on their way for basic training at Ft. MacArthur.

Louis Zamperini, Torrance's famous miler, was exchanging his spikes for Air Cadet wings. Later he was to gain international fame for his epochal survival on a raft in the Pacific and through his religiously inspired book that gained wide readership here and elsewhere.

Movies were the main recreational attraction of the day and Torrance folks could see the best for 20-25 cents general admission. "Down Argentine Way" with Carmen Miranda was featured along with another of the popular "Dr. Kildare" series.

The economic stress of the times was evidenced by announcement of a well attended Torrance Townsend Club meeting and grocery store ads that offered prime rib of beef for 33 cents a pound with ground beef at 17. Restaurants offered full course dinners at 35-50 cents and dancing was the attraction in the few taverns. Deluxe hamburgers sold at 10 cents.

The community was embroiled over a proposed firearms registration ordinance. Protestants to the law argued that citizens ought to be able to keep their weapons as protection against possible Fifth Column threats.

Harold Kingsley's front page editorial column was devoted to an erudite discussion of a newspaperman's responsibility to the community.

Early payment of relief checks was promised by State Controller Harry B. Riley so that Christmas that year could be happier for many families than receiving help.

All I Said Was—



South Bay College Site Narrowed to Stated Area

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
46th Assembly District
During the March-April, 1960 Budget Session of the California State Legislature, during the First Extraordinary Session, I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 20, which read as follows:

"There is hereby established a state college, to be known as the South Bay State College, to be located in the southwestern portion of Los Angeles County, particularly in that region known as the South Bay Area, including, but not restricted to, the cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Portuguese Bend."

Please notice that I deliberately did not mention Inglewood, Lennox, Playa del Rey, Westchester (Los Angeles 45), or El Segundo. There were several reasons for leaving out these communities. The primary reason is that civic leaders in those communities told me that until the jet aircraft noise is materially reduced, it would be folly to locate a new college where jet aircraft noises would interrupt classes. Also, they said that they did not have enough land available unless homes, stores and factories were torn down.

At about the same time, State Senator Richard Richards introduced his Senate Bill No. 15, which provided that the new state college be located in Los Angeles County in the vicinity of the Los Angeles International Airport.

However, legal experts said that the wording of the Richards bill would be interpreted to establish a college to serve the general southwest part of Los Angeles County and for all practical purposes accomplish the same thing as my bill.

The official report says that the specific site will be selected in accordance with suitability of size, shape, soil conditions, topography, utilities, acquisition environment, access, zoning, climate and community support."

"There will be no review of the site selection by the new-

ly created Coordinating Council for Higher Education. My bill and the Richards bill passed the Legislature in time to exempt the South Bay State College from the site-recommending process which will become effective with later State College and University of California sites, thus expediting the process by at least six months or a year.

The Division of State Colleges and Teacher Education, State Department of Education, then began a study of site location. When completed, the report was mimeographed and sent to Roy E. Simpson, Director of Education, State Education Building, 721 Capitol Ave., Sacramento 14.

Mr. Simpson sent the report to me a few days before the writing of this "Sacramento Report." All requests for copies of the report should be sent to him. I have none for distribution. Only a few copies were prepared by Mr. Simpson.

The recommendations in the above Report are as follows:

"It is recommended that the area of site location for the new South Bay State College be defined as follows: An area bounded on the north by Jefferson Blvd. and Slauson Ave., on the east by the Harbor Freeway, on the south by Redondo Beach Blvd. and 174th St., and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

The area recommended for site location includes the communities of Westchester, Inglewood, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach and Gardena."

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MOVIE SCENE... Behind his camera, Raymond Legere, writer, producer and cameraman, shoots first scene of "Sleeping Beauty," a motion picture to be produced by the Ardath Avenue Players. Young actors, who live in the 16400 block on Ardath, will take a year to complete film begun Saturday. Donna Alldis holds lights. Actors are Suzie Mayer, Donna Hukill and Jean Emge, Good Fairies. Sleeping Beauty, at right, is Christine Nordstrand. (Herald Photo)

Teenage Group Begins Filming of Old Classic

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

Lights, camera, action, will soon be familiar words in North Torrance as the Ardath Avenue Players, who heretofore have done stage plays only, completed rehearsals for their first movie. Shooting began Saturday with takes from one of the scenes in "Sleeping Beauty."

The players, made up of youngsters living in the 16400 block on Ardath, and the immediate area, have put on a number of Christmas and Easter plays in the past. Under the direction of Mrs. David Osterbach, of 16410 Ardath Ave., the children's theatrical offerings have been deemed successes and mothers of the players have worked hard on costumes necessary for this success.

Leader in the group has been Raymond Legere, 16, who has proved himself as an artist and has done much of the art work, murals, and set designing seen in these plays.

The Serra High School junior suggested the idea of a motion picture to the group last summer and the wheels of the production started turning. Agreeing to select a suitable story, adapt it to a movie, direct the actors, and shoot the film, young Legere has been busy in his spare time writing the script, building sets, and getting his camera and lighting equipment ready so early "rushes" may be viewed by himself and the cast.

Legere has done a movie adaption of the story "Sleeping Beauty." The first scene was in the cottage with Donna Hukill, Jean Emge, and Suzie Mayer, as the Good Fairies, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather. Christine Nordstrand plays Sleeping Beauty and the talented Legere is assisted by Donna Alldis, who as the "grips," handles the lighting. Armand Legere and Terry Keldrauck handle stage hands and props.

Legere said that his shooting script called for indoor scenes this winter and that in the spring they would film the outdoor sequences, includ-

ing one where the Prince and the Beauty ride off together on horseback. A ballroom scene is included with 50 Ardath Avenue Players in the cast. To date the role of Prince has not been filled.

Plans call for a year to complete the production, "Sleeping Beauty," and the finished film will be previewed by the cast, their families, and neighbors. The film will be available to other area audiences, Mrs. Osterbach said, and expressed thanks to the Torrance Recreation Dept. and to merchants, who will loan props needed for many of the scenes.

SHORT TAKES

Editor Norman Fournier, Lisbon Falls, Me., Weekly News—The older and wiser one gets, the more he realizes his limitations... In talking with others, if you will note their readiness to be positive about their statements or their conclusions, you can usually determine the depth of their philosophy and the amount of wisdom they have acquired over the years. Those who always feel sure they have the answers are most often the ones who are actually bewildered and in need of further enlightenment.

Editor-Columnist John C. Hazen, Lambertville, N. J., Beacon—We talked the other day to a chap who told of his early years in the west... He attended a small school with eight grades in one room... Professional educators today would no doubt tell us that such conditions could produce

nothing but uneducated children... But, out of his class half of the pupils rose to great heights in education, ministry and science.

Editor-Columnist Harmon Tuttle, The Saco, Mont., Independent—This newspaper editor believes in free enterprise, in the right to do things for ourselves, in sound money, sound solutions for problems and in dependence on ourselves and in God to work out our destinies. We believe that best government is the least government, within the limits of national needs, and that local and state governments can better solve our problems than federal governments dishing out money in one hand and advice and commands in the other. We have operated our business without government help for 30 years and would like to keep on doing the same for 20 or 30 years more.

Law in Action

Society's Watchdogs

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Of late in California grand juries indict only one in ten persons tried in our court able by death or imprisonment).

Instead, the prosecutor most often brings accusations through complaints in a justice or municipal court. After due hearings these courts may dismiss or may hold an accused over for trial in the superior court.

Do not confuse a grand jury's indictment with a conviction. No one is guilty until a trial court finds him so, or he himself pleads guilty.

But as its criminal work has gone down, the grand jury's other jobs have gone up. It can and does look into, criticize, and recommend ways to improve our city and county governments.

Grand juries cannot follow through on their recommendations. They can find facts and make reports, but must look to enlightened public opinion and conscientious public officers to put their recommendations into effect.

But perhaps a watchdog has done his best work when he has raised the alarm.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Kind of dance
- More rational
- Cutting
- Pendant
- Mass of ice
- World of organization
- Army officer
- Prefix down
- Command to horse
- Allude
- Babylonian god
- Dregs
- Possessive pronoun
- Armed conflict
- Imprisonment
- Free ticket
- Observer
- Polish
- Small bottle
- European swallow
- Wild feasting
- Frankish
- Clearing substance
- Electrical particle
- Color slightly
- Nothing
- Man's nicknames
- Indian tent
- Revelled
- Evanescent
- Lumps of earth

DOWN

- Bandit
- Poem by Vergil
- Compass point
- Two-wheeled carriage
- Extraordinary person (slang)
- Marks left by wound
- Be ill
- A state
- Church officials
- Walks unsteadily
- Granitic rock
- Ancora
- News
- Evanson
- Strong defense
- Handle
- Plots
- Lamurey
- Equality
- Peril
- Flower
- After-dinner candy
- Secured
- Lasso
- Seeds
- Walks wearily
- Row
- Man's name
- Afternoon party
- The sun
- Liquid measure (abbr.)
- Preposition

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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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